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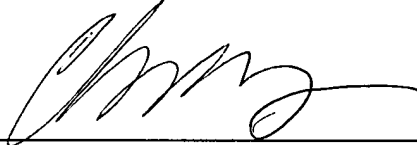
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

References EP-530934, DE-4337497, DE-2837621, DE-4024130, DE-19651571, DT-2455987, EP-304667 and DE-4004300 are not in the English language, but these references were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language search report, indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. MPEP Section 609A(3), second paragraph.

Reference DE-4004300 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,303,826 (enclosed) and reference DE-19509152 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,804,035 also (enclosed) In addition, an English-language abstract of DE-19538235 is provided.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed along with a Declaration/Power of Attorney which completes the national phase filing requirements of the above-referenced application. No first Official Action has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. No fee or certification is required. 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures:

PTO Form 1449

Copy of (16) References

European Language Search Report

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	5,150,307	09/22/92	McCourt et al.			
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	DE-4004300	08/14/91	Germany (corresponds to USP 5,303,826)			
	DE-19509152	10/26/95	Germany (corresponds to USP 5,804,035)			

OTHER DOCUMENTS

(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

(1)	German Language Search Report dated October 11, 1999, Application No. EP-99108578.
(2)	International Search Report dated September 27, 2000, Application No. PCT/EP00/04097.

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